
SENATE BILL 5039

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By Senators Rasmussen and Schoesler; by request of Department of Agriculture

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1 AN ACT Relating to milk and milk products; amending RCW 15.36.051,
2 15.36.231, and 15.36.241; providing an effective date; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.051 and 1999 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 A milk processing plant must obtain an annual milk processing plant
8 license from the department, which shall expire on June 30 of each
9 year. A milk processing plant may choose to process (1) grade A milk
10 and milk products, or (2) other milk products that are not classified
11 grade A.

12 Only one license may be required to process milk; however, milk
13 processing plants must obtain the necessary endorsements from the
14 department in order to process products as defined for each type of
15 milk or milk product processing. Application for a license shall be on
16 a form prescribed by the director and accompanied by a (~~twenty-five~~)
17 fifty-five dollar annual license fee. The applicant shall include on
18 the application the full name of the applicant for the license and the
19 location of the milk processing plant he or she intends to operate and

1 any other necessary information. Upon the approval of the application
2 by the director and compliance with the provisions of this chapter,
3 including the applicable rules adopted under this chapter by the
4 department, the applicant shall be issued a license or a renewal of a
5 license.

6 Licenses shall be issued to cover only those products, processes,
7 and operations specified in the license application and approved for
8 licensing. If a license holder wishes to engage in processing a type
9 of milk product that is different than the type specified on the
10 application supporting the licensee's existing license and processing
11 that type of food product would require a major addition to or
12 modification of the licensee's processing facilities, the licensee
13 shall submit an amendment to the current license application. In such
14 a case, the licensee may engage in processing the new type of milk
15 product only after the amendment has been approved by the department.

16 A licensee under this section shall not be required to obtain a
17 food processing plant license under chapter 69.07 RCW to process milk
18 or milk products.

19 The director shall waive the fee for a food processing license
20 under chapter 69.07 RCW for persons who are also licensed as a milk
21 processing plant.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 15.36.231 and 1999 c 291 s 14 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) Milk and milk products for consumption in the raw state shall
25 be bottled or packaged on the farm where produced. Bottling and
26 capping shall be done in a sanitary manner by means of approved
27 equipment and ~~((these))~~ operations ~~((shall be integral in one~~
28 ~~machine))~~. Caps or cap stock shall be purchased in sanitary containers
29 and kept therein in a clean dry place until used.

30 (2) All containers enclosing raw milk or any raw milk product shall
31 be plainly labeled or marked with the word "raw" and the name of the
32 producer or packager. The label or mark shall be in letters of a size,
33 kind, and color approved by the director and shall contain no marks or
34 words which are misleading.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 15.36.241 and 1961 c 11 s 15.36.420 are each amended
36 to read as follows:

1 Capping of milk or milk products shall be done (~~by~~) in a sanitary
2 manner by means of approved (~~mechanical~~) equipment and operations.
3 (~~Hand capping is prohibited.~~) The cap or cover shall cover the
4 pouring lip to at least its largest diameter.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the
6 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
7 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
8 and takes effect July 1, 2005.

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